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VETERANS' JOB PROGRAM PAYS TRAINING COSTS

THE EMERGENCY VETERANS' JOB TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDES EMPLOYERS 50 PERCENT OF THE STARTING WAGE, UP TO $10,000 PER VETERAN, WHEN THEY HIRE AND TRAIN VETERANS IN A GROWTH INDUSTRY OR A TECHNOLOGY-BASED OR DEMAND OCCUPATION. THE INTENT OF THE PROGRAM IS TO HELP INDUSTRY FILL PERMANENT POSITIONS THAT INVOLVE SIGNIFICANT TRAINING OF AT LEAST SIX MONTHS WITH KOREAN AND VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS.

TRAINING WILL BE FUNDED FOR BETWEEN 6 AND 9 MONTHS, AND IN SOME CASES MAY BE APPROVED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FOR BETWEEN 3 TO 15 MONTHS. ACTUAL TRAINING CAN TAKE PLACE ON THE JOB, IN A VOCATIONAL OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OR A SPECIALIZED TRAINING CENTER.

HALF THE COST OF TRAINING UP TO $10,000 IS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE EMPLOYER, INVOICED QUARTERLY. SMALL BUSINESSES CAN ARRANGE TO INVOICE MONTHLY.

TARGETED GROUPS

- VETERANS: KOREAN AND VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF WORK FOR 15 OF THE PRECEDING 20 WEEKS. VETERANS MUST HAVE SERVED FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS AND BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

- BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS: FIRMS IN GROWTH OR TECHNOLOGY-BASED INDUSTRIES, OCCUPATIONS REQUIRING NEW TECHNICAL SKILLS, OR IN OCCUPATIONS WHERE DEMAND FOR LABOR EXCEEDS THE SUPPLY.

APPLICATION

- A ONE PAGE FORM WITH A BRIEF TRAINING PLAN ATTACHED IS ALL IT TAKES.

- FORMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LOCAL MAINE JOB SERVICE OFFICE OR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

- THE MAINE JOB SERVICE OR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WILL HELP YOU FILL OUT THE APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NATIONAL CERTIFICATION, THEY WILL NOTIFY OTHER REGIONAL OFFICES OF JOBS ELIGIBLE UNDER YOUR NATIONAL CERTIFICATION.

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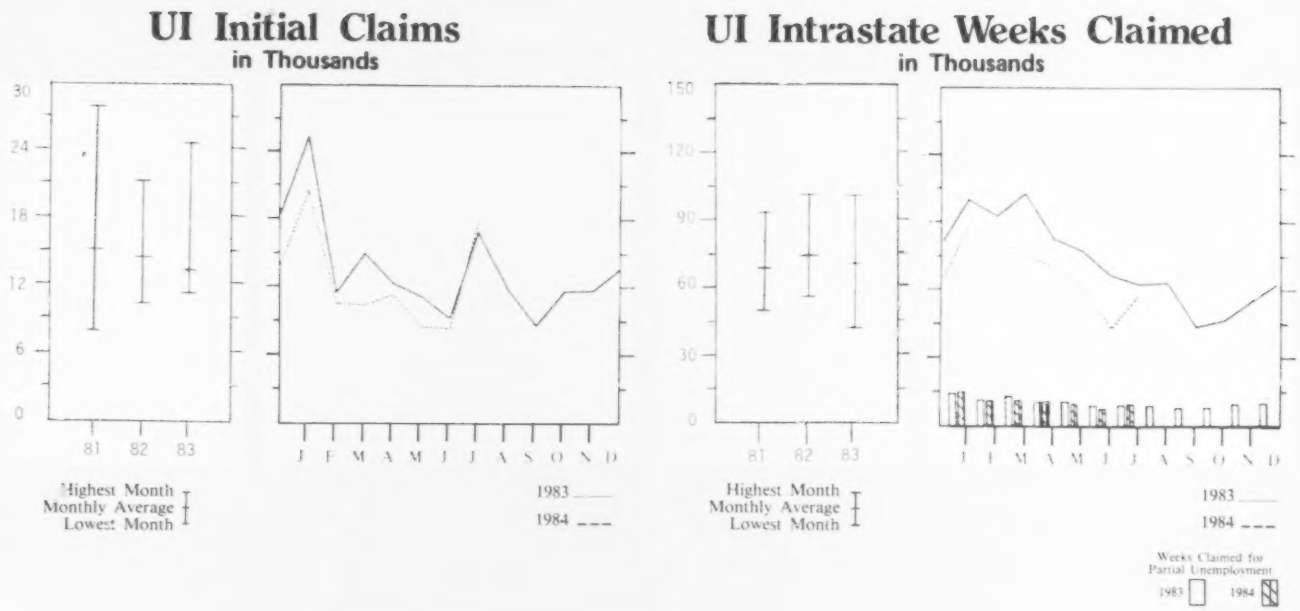


- NATIONAL CERTIFICATION FOR OCCUPATIONS FOR ANY OF YOUR PLANTS IS AVAILABLE BETWEEN YOUR CORPORATE OFFICE AND THE FEDERAL VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. THE CERTIFICATION INCLUDES FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION FORM FOR EACH OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY, THE SITE OF THE OPENINGS, AND THE TRAINING PLAN FOR EACH OCCUPATION.

JOBS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM

- SEASONAL OR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT.

- PRIMARY INCOME BY COMMISSION.

- JOBS WITH POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

- POSITIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- REDUCED COSTS IN TRAINING NEEDED TECHNICAL PEOPLE.

- A DEDICATED WORKER, PROVEN TO BE TRAINABLE, LOYAL AND ABLE.

- A MATCH OF A WORKER'S ABILITY WITH YOUR NEEDS.

- INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND PRIDE.

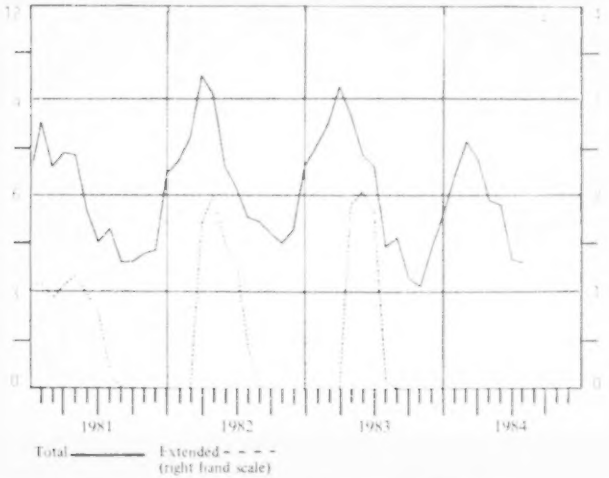
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL YOUR LOCAL MAINE JOB SERVICE OFFICE, OR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AT 1-800-452-1935. MEMBERS OF YOUR LOCAL VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION, VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION, AND OTHER VETERANS GROUPS HAVE BEEN TRAINED AND ALERTED TO HELP BUSINESSES PUT TOGETHER A WORKING PROGRAM. CALL THEM FOR HELP AS YOU WORK TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

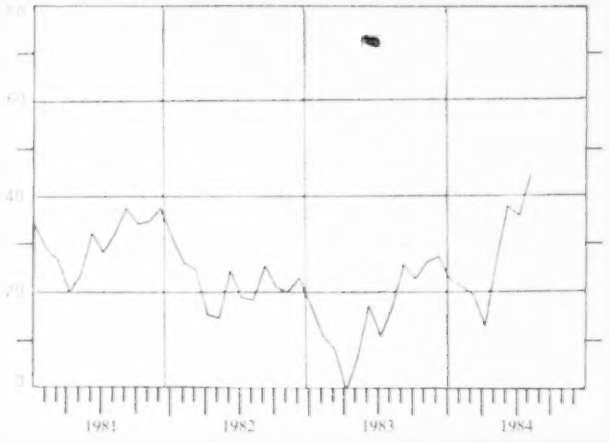
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	445.0	440.8	430.3	102.7	103.4	96.1	33.0	34.5	32.2
Total Manufacturing	105.5	111.8	101.2	16.7	17.2	15.1	10.1	11.7	9.7
Durable Goods	42.1	42.5	40.4	7.5	7.5	6.2	2.3	2.3	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	13.1	12.9	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.4	16.6	14.2	6.0	6.0	5.3	1.8	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.5	12.8	13.3	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	63.4	69.3	60.8	9.2	9.7	8.9	7.8	9.4	7.7
Food and Kindred Products	8.1	8.0	8.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.4	7.2	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.4	1.1
Apparel	4.1	5.0	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	19.7	19.6	18.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.8	0.8	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	16.9	19.1	14.8	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.6	3.6	2.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	13.1	16.0	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	3.0	2.4
All Other	2.8	3.1	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.6	0.4
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.4	9.5	4.9	4.9	4.6	2.3	2.6	2.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	339.5	329.0	329.1	86.0	86.2	81.0	22.9	22.8	22.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	19.3	18.3	18.7	4.7	4.7	4.3	1.5	1.4	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.0	18.3	19.0	5.7	5.7	6.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	108.4	103.1	102.3	29.4	28.9	27.4	8.0	8.1	8.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	19.2	18.9	18.4	9.0	8.9	8.5	1.8	1.8	1.6
Services	94.7	88.0	92.0	24.8	24.6	23.2	7.4	7.3	7.3
Government	78.7	82.2	78.5	12.4	13.4	11.6	3.0	3.0	2.9
Federal	18.3	19.3	18.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	60.4	63.9	60.2	10.9	12.0	10.2	2.7	2.8	2.6
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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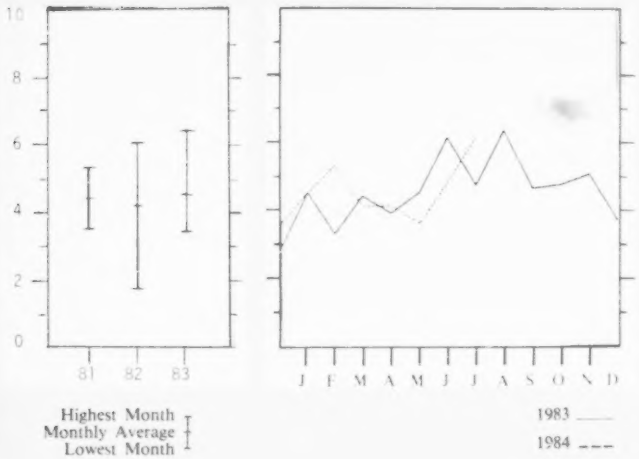
New Applications For Work

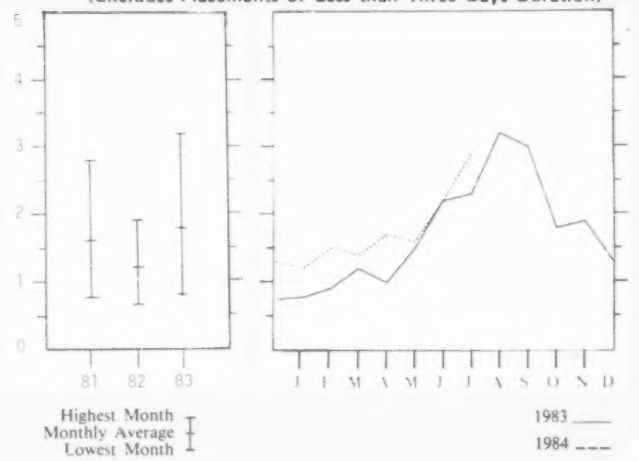
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$323.95	$316.79	$312.76	39.7	40.1	40.2	$ 8.16	$ 7.90	$ 7.78	$ 7.61	$ 7.22	$6.66
Durable Goods	329.97	321.20	325.60	39.8	40.0	40.0	8.27	8.03	8.14	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	316.31	290.07	314.29	40.5	39.9	41.3	7.81	7.27	7.61	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	313.99	315.99	291.83	39.2	40.1	38.5	8.01	7.88	7.58	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	368.23	362.98	380.30	40.2	39.8	40.5	9.16	9.12	9.39	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	319.56	314.36	304.67	39.5	40.2	40.3	8.09	7.82	7.56	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	232.46	252.67	220.98	34.8	37.6	36.3	6.68	6.72	6.26	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	233.78	250.32	255.00	40.1	42.0	42.5	5.83	5.96	6.00	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	195.83	192.41	193.14	35.8	35.5	35.9	5.47	5.42	5.38	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	513.04	516.35	472.31	44.0	44.9	44.1	11.66	11.50	10.71	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	216.50	216.75	220.56	37.2	37.5	38.9	5.82	5.78	5.67	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	279.66	276.61	270.40	39.5	39.8	40.6	7.08	6.95	6.66	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	330.26	310.01	296.00	39.6	38.8	37.9	8.34	7.99	7.81	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	261.80	248.95	254.78	38.5	38.3	40.7	6.80	6.50	6.26	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	256.0	249.2	235.7
Unemployed	22.5	17.5	27.4
(Percent)	8.8%	7.0%	11.6%
Resident Employed	233.6	231.7	208.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	311.7	310.7	299.3	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.7%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.1%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE - Statewide	587.9	577.7	563.1	547.6	544.1	504.2	40.3	33.6	58.9	6.9	5.8	10.5
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	45,000	44,900	43,800	42,700	42,300	39,400	2,300	2,100	4,200	5.1	4.7	10.0
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	36,100	36,600	35,500	32,900	34,500	31,000	3,200	2,100	4,500	8.9	5.7	12.7
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	41,100	41,000	39,600	36,700	38,900	33,400	4,400	2,100	6,200	10.7	6.1	15.7
Portland SMSA	108,600	109,100	98,000	104,100	105,000	91,000	4,500	4,100	7,000	4.1	3.9	7.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	32,080	31,860	30,750	29,700	29,970	27,770	2,380	1,890	2,980	7.4	5.9	9.7
Bath-Brunswick	25,980	25,630	26,140	24,660	24,400	24,130	1,300	1,230	2,010	5.0	4.8	7.7
Belfast	12,630	11,940	12,260	11,120	10,750	10,470	1,510	1,190	1,790	12.0	10.0	14.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,680	10,100	10,610	10,140	9,500	9,910	540	600	700	5.1	5.9	6.6
Calais-Eastport	16,200	15,530	16,470	14,850	14,040	14,480	1,370	1,490	1,990	8.5	9.6	12.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,750	22,680	21,300	20,050	20,470	18,120	2,700	2,210	3,180	11.9	10.5	14.9
Central Penobscot	3,770	3,630	3,930	3,540	3,420	3,560	230	190	380	6.1	5.2	9.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,990	6,890	7,170	6,420	6,490	6,200	570	400	970	8.2	5.8	13.5
Ellsworth	27,090	24,890	25,030	25,890	23,510	23,320	1,200	1,380	1,710	4.4	6.5	6.9
Farmington	13,560	13,270	13,740	12,380	12,210	12,260	1,180	1,060	1,480	8.7	8.0	10.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,930	5,150	5,360	5,410	4,570	4,820	520	620	540	8.8	12.0	10.1
Greenville	1,600	1,710	1,690	1,470	1,620	1,590	130	90	100	8.1	5.3	5.9
Houlton	5,660	5,920	5,540	5,160	5,500	4,720	500	420	820	8.8	7.1	14.8
Lincoln-Howland	6,310	6,230	6,190	5,940	5,880	5,530	370	350	660	5.9	5.6	10.7
Livermore Falls	6,870	6,470	6,600	5,900	5,980	5,400	970	490	1,200	14.1	9.1	18.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,580	4,940	4,630	4,180	4,470	4,090	400	470	550	8.7	9.5	11.9
Mechanic Falls	3,530	2,810	3,170	3,160	2,570	2,650	370	240	520	10.5	8.5	16.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,400	5,270	5,480	5,190	5,060	4,930	210	210	550	3.9	4.0	10.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,610	2,620	2,630	2,450	2,440	2,320	160	180	310	6.1	6.9	11.8
Rockland	19,600	19,130	18,600	18,480	17,930	16,820	1,120	1,200	1,780	5.7	6.3	9.6
Rumford	20,920	20,750	21,130	18,920	19,170	18,740	2,000	1,580	2,390	9.6	7.6	11.3
Sebago Lake Region	16,250	13,410	14,940	15,510	12,790	13,830	740	620	1,110	4.6	4.6	7.4
Skowhegan	23,240	23,150	23,630	21,250	21,410	19,680	1,990	1,730	4,030	8.6	7.5	17.1
Kittery-York	30,620	29,360	27,220	29,770	28,680	26,210	850	680	1,010	2.8	2.3	3.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,640	8,850	8,790	7,460	8,090	6,760	1,160	760	2,030	13.4	8.6	23.1
Waterville	23,640	23,870	23,370	22,100	22,530	21,220	1,540	1,340	2,150	6.5	5.6	9.2
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,682.2	1,625.4	n/a	1,610.4	1,527.2	n/a	71.8	98.2	n/a	4.3	6.0
Massachusetts	3,094.0	3,084.0	3,029.4	2,959.0	2,946.6	2,840.5	134.0	138.0	188.9	4.3	4.5	6.2
New Hampshire	n/a	529.5	519.0	n/a	508.8	490.1	n/a	20.7	28.9	n/a	3.9	5.6
Rhode Island	n/a	491.1	483.1	n/a	459.8	437.5	n/a	31.3	46.6	n/a	6.4	9.6
Vermont	273.2	268.7	269.2	260.0	253.4	261.0	13.2	15.3	17.2	4.8	5.7	6.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,055.5	5,926.1	n/a	5,778.4	5,546.3	n/a	277.1	379.8	n/a	4.6	6.4
UNITED STATES 3/	116,198	115,393	113,980	107,484	106,812	103,273	8,714	8,582	10,707	7.5	7.3	9.3

Area Definitions:
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Notes:
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment estimates are adjusted to labor force data by county.

Footnotes:
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargement of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	13,695	12,753	17,655	1,346	1,015	2,062	2,244	694	2,430
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.3	2.1	4.2	1.5	1.1	2.5	6.9	2.1	7.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	10.5	10.9	11.1
Clerical and Sales	19.3	20.3	21.8
Service	10.5	11.9	10.0
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.4	1.9	1.3
Processing	5.2	4.0	4.1
Machine Trades	14.5	13.2	12.4
Benchwork	12.6	10.2	10.0
Structural Work	12.3	13.8	15.2
Miscellaneous	13.4	13.0	14.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	55.2	56.2	56.5
Under 22	7.3	6.2	7.1
22-24	9.9	10.1	10.0
25-34	27.6	29.3	29.1
35-39	10.4	10.6	10.3
Total 40 and Over	44.8	43.8	43.5
40-44	7.9	7.9	7.6
45-54	12.7	14.0	13.1
55-64	10.0	11.2	10.7
65 and Over	14.2	10.7	12.1

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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